

REMARKS

Claim 94 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Clarification of the basis for this rejection is requested.

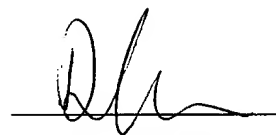
The claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over various combinations of Perciwall, Andersson '024, Menger, Toshio, and Lehnert. In each rejection, either Perciwall or Andersson is a primary reference. However, both of these references lack features of the claimed invention which cannot be supplied by the secondary references and/or cannot be modified in the manner suggested by the Examiner. In the case of Perciwall, the process disclosed utilizes a special applicator roll for applying a hardener component. There is no teaching of applicants' claimed application. Andersson '024 lacks a teaching of an amino resin gluing system, as the Examiner readily admits.

Modification of either of these references by the addition of Menger, Toshio or Lehnert, or by the addition of Andersson '024 to Perciwall or by the addition of Perciwall to Andersson '024 does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. In the case of Perciwall, the Examiner fails to explain how the substitution of spraying or strands for a specialized applicator roll can be effected without altering the result achieved by the Perciwall invention. In the case of Andersson '024, the Examiner fails to explain how the substitution of amino resins for formaldehyde based resins are possible, given the specific object in Andersson '024 of solving the problem of bleeding from glue joints formed with formaldehyde adhesives.

Without such explanations by the Examiner, he cannot combine the references in the manner proposed absent resort to the use of illegal hindsight by reference to applicants own disclosure. Accordingly a Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite extension of time fee, and any other fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 501348.

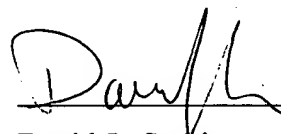
Respectfully submitted

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